

Press Release

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MIGS welcomes the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Welsh as the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect

The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS) at Concordia University welcomes today's appointment of Dr. Jennifer Welsh to the position of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect.

Dr. Frank Chalk, Director of MIGS, welcomed Dr. Welsh's appointment: "MIGS is delighted by the appointment of a scholar as accomplished as Jennifer Welsh, whose nuanced publications recognize the need for deeper and more focused research and policy debate about the critical challenges confronting civilian protection, whether through diplomacy, development aid, or the use of coercive force."

Kyle Matthews, Senior Deputy Director of the institute's Will to Intervene project, observed: "It is wonderful that the Secretary General has selected a Canadian scholar of global reputation to take over the post which was previously held by Dr. Ed Luck. Dr. Welsh has earned international respect as an academic at Oxford University who can work with practitioners and diplomats and forge consensus."

As Canada's leading research center on the prevention and interdiction of mass atrocity crimes, MIGS and its Distinguished Senior Fellow, Roméo Dallaire, look forward to working with Dr. Welsh and continuing to support the work of the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect.

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